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Applicant: James A. Rowe  
Title: Medical Tank Strap System  
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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

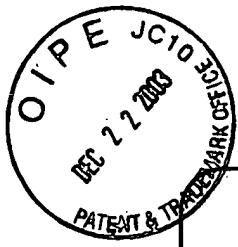
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Please amend the above application as follows:

**Specification:**

*Page 2, second full paragraph, replace with the following new paragraph:*

In an attempt to ameliorate such a situation, various oxygen tank carrying systems have been developed. For example, U.S. Patent No, 6,003,744 to Culjak is directed to a lumbar supported carrier for oxygen tanks including a main belt portion and a pouch for the tank. The belt has a shoulder strap for stabilizing the belt and tank extending over the shoulder and diagonally across the body. The shoulder strap comes with a series of smaller straps for securing the hose or cannula that is used in connection with the tank. The pouch is attachable to the belt by means of straps and has a drawstring with cord lock for securing the tank within the pouch. In addition, the pouch has separate D rings that allow the pouch to be attached to the shoulder strap and used separately from the belt. The belt has a padded portion to fit the curve of the lumbar area of the human spine.



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